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Figure 57a-b shows a side perspective view of the flattening or flare out of an elliptical device as the device is applied to the surface of an organ.

5 Figure 58a-b shows a front perspective view of the flattening or flare out of an elliptical device as the device is applied to the surface of an organ.

10 Figure 59 a-^cb shows an elliptical shaped device having side portions that extend at an angle from the top surface of the housing in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

15 Figure 60 a-b show modified cross shaped, multi-arm housings having three and five arms.

15 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Although the devices of the present invention are primarily illustrated in connection with use on the heart, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that such devices may also be used on other organs of the body.

20 Referring now to the various figures of the drawing, wherein like reference characters refer to like parts, there is shown various views of a device in accordance with the invention.

25 As shown in the Figures, the device includes a housing 1 having a top surface 2. In some embodiments, the housing further includes side portions 3 extending downwards from the top surface 2. The bottom of the housing can be open, as shown in Fig. 5. In other embodiments, as shown in Fig. 29, a bottom surface 4 covers at least a portion of the bottom of the housing 1.

30 The device may further include one or more flanges 5. In some embodiments, the one or more flanges 5 extend from the side portions 3, for example, as shown in Figs. 1, 3, 11 and 16-18. In other embodiments, the one or more flanges 5 replace the side portions 3 and extend downwards directly